

REMARKS

Claims 6-9 and 11 have been cancelled. Thus, Claims 1-5, 10 and 12-14 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claim 10 has been amended.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 10 and 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Pashmakov* (US 6,831,856). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection insofar to it might apply to the claims amended herein.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claim 11 would be allowable if it was rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because the contents of Claim 11 have been incorporated within Claim 10, the § 103 rejection on Claim 10 is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-5, 10 and 12-14 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 have been allowed. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe independent Claim 10 and all its respective dependent claims are distinguished over the cited reference under § 103, and should be in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner, but not relied upon, has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of the present application, please charge it against BAE Systems Deposit Account No. 19-0130.

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